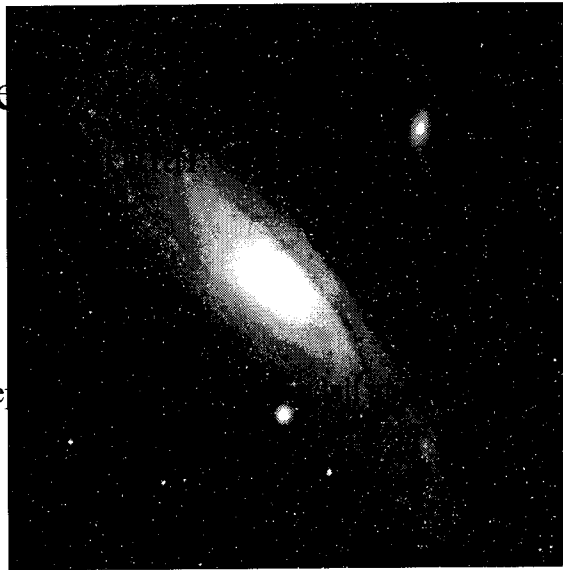




Supernova

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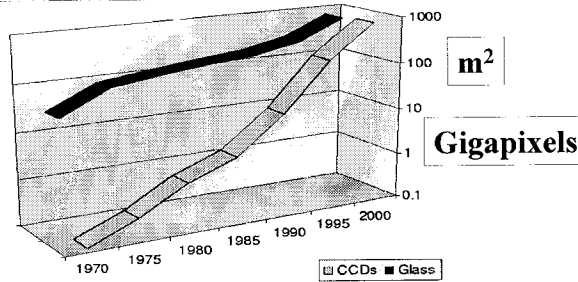


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The Sky on Your Desktop

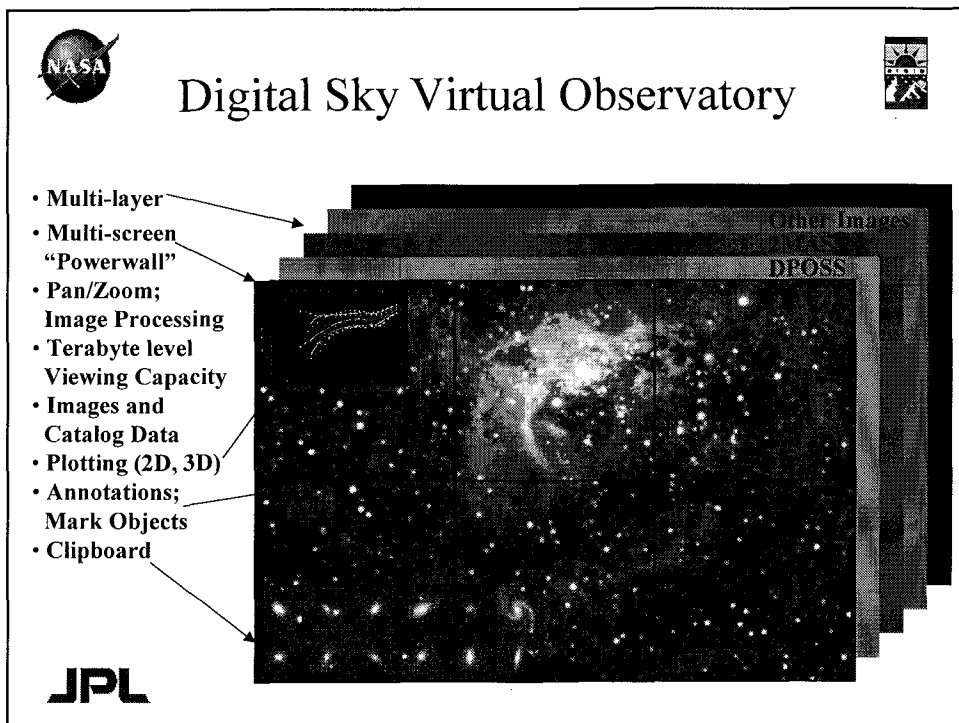
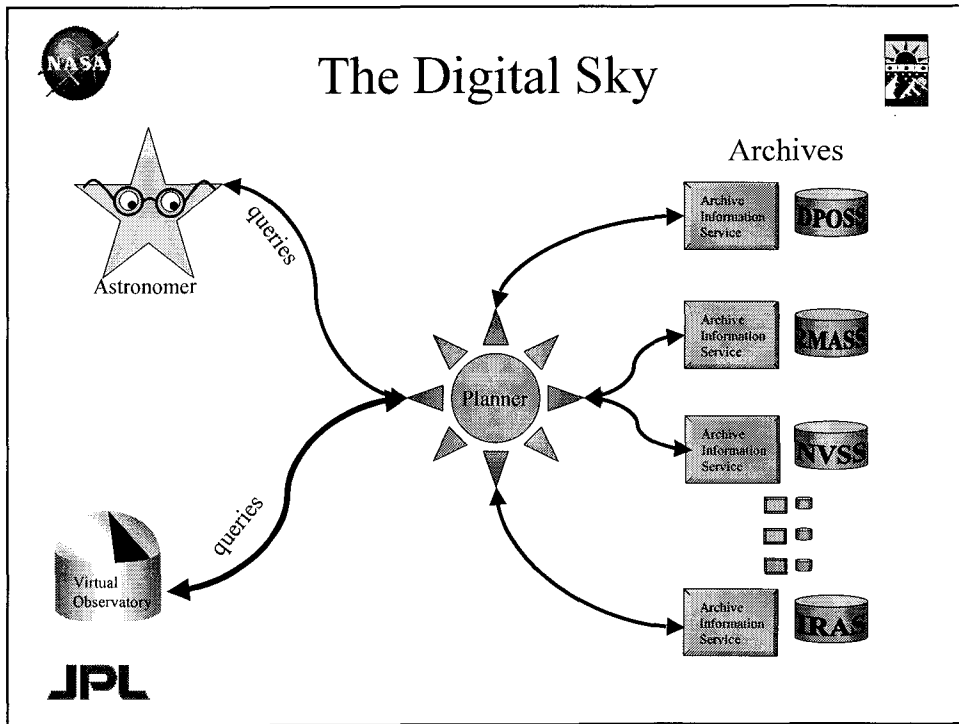
Growth in Aperture & Focal Plane Of Institutionally Managed Observatories



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Goal: Deliver the data
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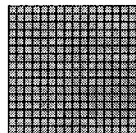




Large Scale Data Input

Scalable IN:

- Hierarchical, tiled data storage and intelligent data caching for rapid data access at any location in the image and at any zoom level.



Level 0 (full res)



Level 2



Level 3



Level 4



Level 5

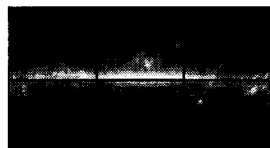
- Support for most popular image formats and can be easily expanded to support custom formats (example our hierarchical tiled image format and the FITS image format popular in the astronomical community).



Large Scale Data Output

Scalable OUT:

- Multi-screen Powerwall display.
- Single pipe or multi-pipe support.
- Support for any number of screens of any size.
- Supported display configurations are specified in a configuration file and are easily selectable at run-time with a command line option or by setting an environment variable.
- Software synchronization of the screens with MPI (multi-pipe case).
- High performance visualization demonstrated up to 3x2 Powerwall display.



3840x2048 pixels

- Low end support for visualization on user's workstation also provided.

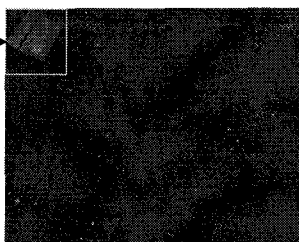




Large Image Navigation

- Smooth variable-speed panning with mouse or keyboard control.
- Smooth variable-speed zooming with keyboard control or zooming with GUI.
- Global Map View of the dataset shows a box around the region of the image currently visible. The user can click on the global view to jump to that position in the image.

Global Map View →



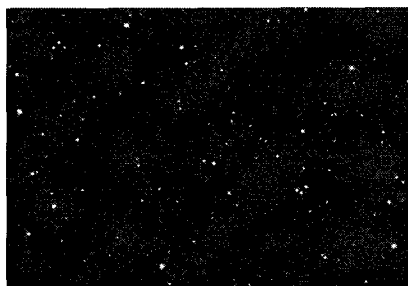
- User can jump to any position in the image based on pixel coordinate, right ascension/declination, galactic or ecliptic longitude/latitude.

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Multi-spectral Viewing

- Run-Time selection of bands to be mapped to each of the R, G and B video channels.
- In screen capture below, one 2MASS band is mapped to the red gun and DPOSS is mapped to green and blue. Stars that appear red are in the infrared only, those that appear cyan are in the optical only and those that appear white are present in both.

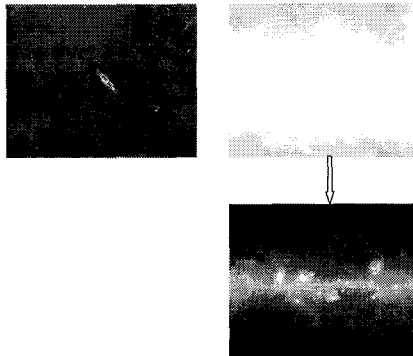


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Image Enhancement

- Run-Time brightness and contrast adjustment can be applied to all three video channels (red, green and blue), or to any one channel individually.
- Brightness and contrast selectable with keyboard interface or GUI
- Example: Andromeda and the center of the Milky Way need vastly different brightness and contrast settings for optimal viewing (as illustrated below).

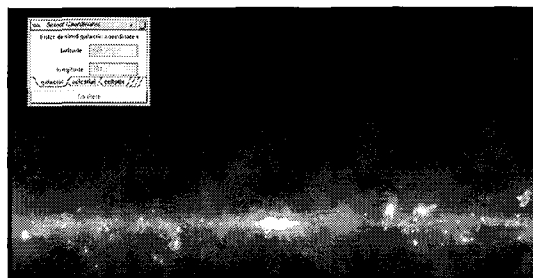


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Pixel \leftrightarrow Sky Coordinates

- User may jump to a specific location in the image by specifying any of the following:
 - image pixel coordinates
 - right ascension/declination
 - galactic longitude/latitude
 - ecliptic longitude/latitude
- User may also get any of these values for a pixel in the image by simply clicking on the pixel at any zoom level.

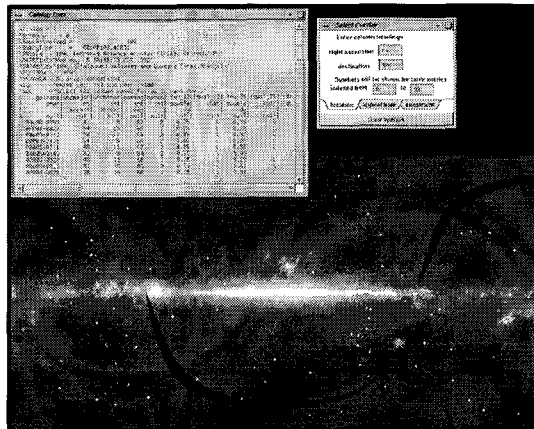


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Overlays

- Support for image overlays that pan/zoom in concert with the image.
- Overlay shape and size can be fixed (user-selectable) or determined by the values in any column in the catalogs.

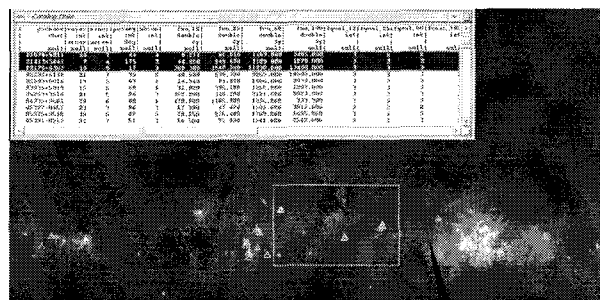


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Image \leftrightarrow Catalog Relation

- Relating a location in the images to catalog entries for celestial objects in the proximity and vice versa.
- **Image to Catalog:** User may select a region of the sky and see the catalog entries for those objects in that region highlighted both in the image and in the catalog window.
- **Catalog to Image:** User may select a catalog entry and see that object highlighted in the image or jump to the position of that object in the image.

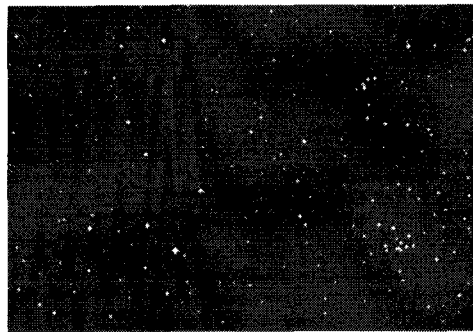


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Synthetic Maps

- A synthetic map of the sky may be generated from catalog information.
- Sky positions based on RA/Dec from catalog.
- Star brightness and size is based on (magnitude) values in a user-specified column of the catalog.
- An example map was constructed from the Hipparcos catalog, consisting of approximately 150,000 stars down to magnitude 14.

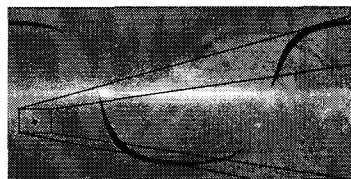


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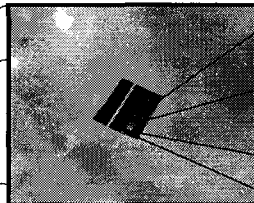


Automatic Dataset Compositing

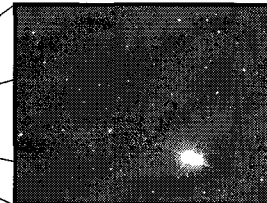
- Fully automated **run-time** compositing of multiple datasets, correctly positioned based on pixel resolution and latitude/longitude at a corner.
- Any number of datasets may be composited (although performance is degraded slightly with each one added).
- Allows user to do such things as view high-resolution insets of particular celestial objects or regions of the sky overlaid on top of lower resolution imagery of the whole sky.
- Example below shows screen captures of four composited datasets (IRAS, Hipparcos synthetic map, 2MASS, and DPOSS).



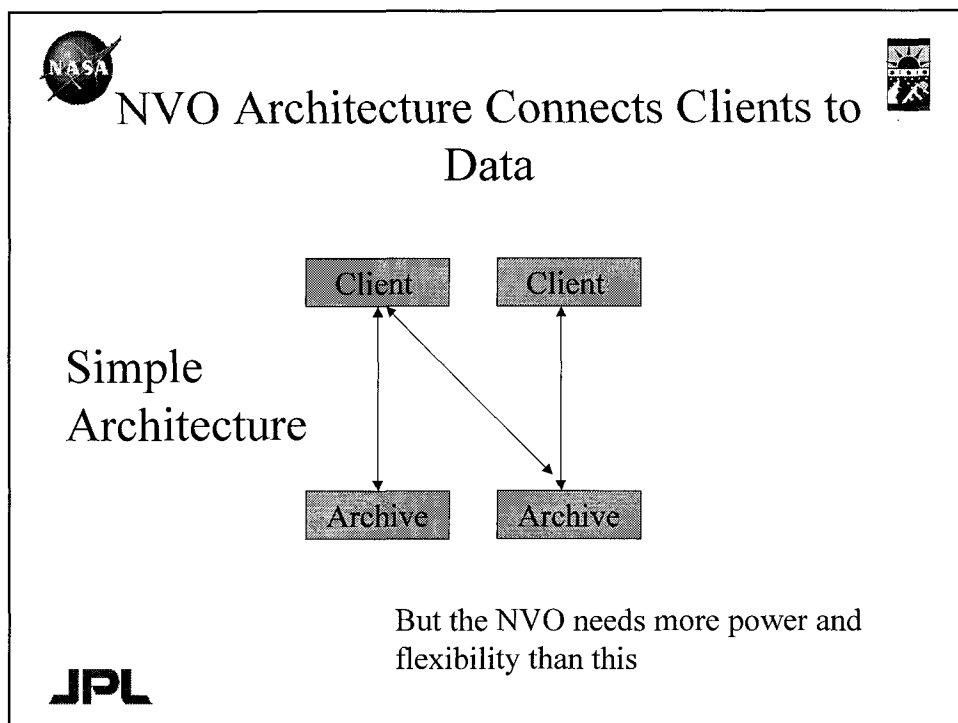
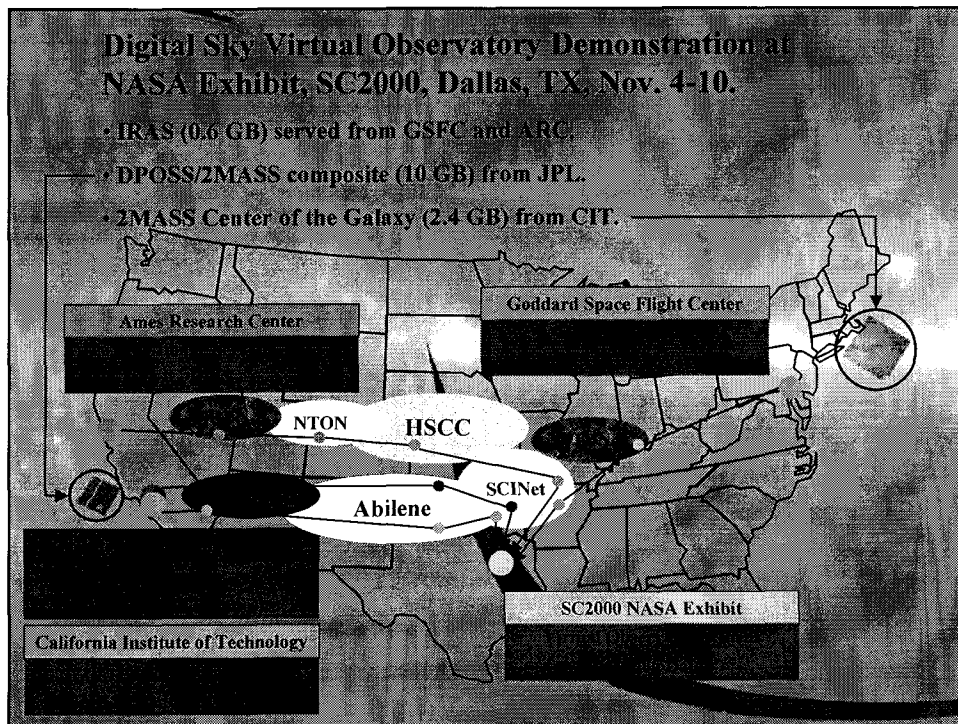
IRAS+Synthetic map all sky with 2MASS+DPOSS high resolution inset highlighted in the blue quadrilateral.



Arc minute

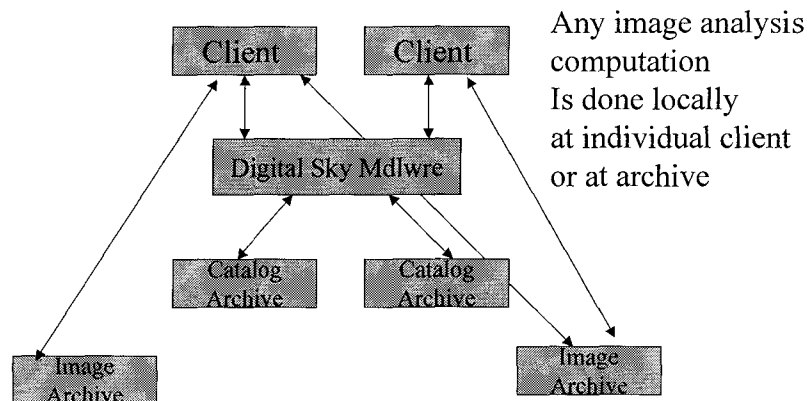


Arc second





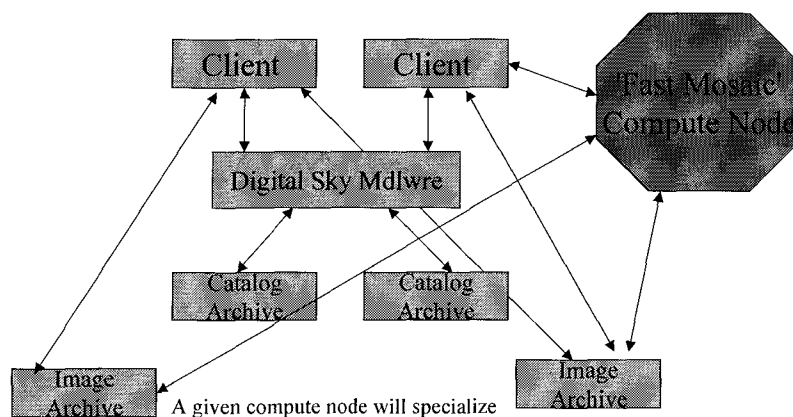
With Digital Sky



The digital sky middleware provides
multi-archive catalog access and processing



With Compute Node



A given compute node will specialize
to a few services, organizing access to
computational facilities (and itself behaving
as a client to provide multi-archive access),
performing the computations for its specialized functions,
e.g. image processing, intensive catalog cluster
processing, etc.

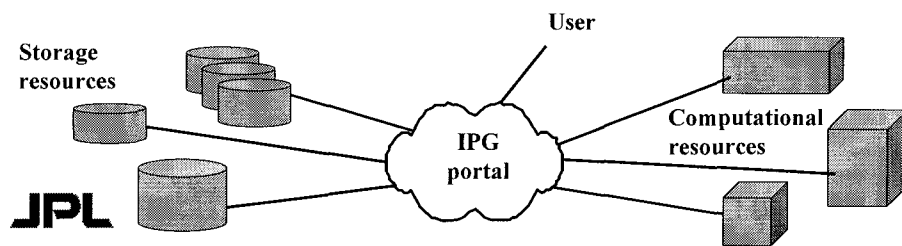




The Information Power Grid



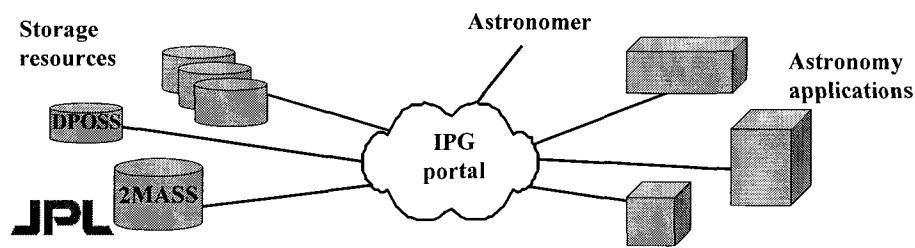
- A single portal to access any of many distributed computational resources
- Large distributed storage facilities including the Storage Resource Broker at SDSC
- Connected by high performance networks
- Supports general purpose applications
- <http://www.ipg.nasa.gov>

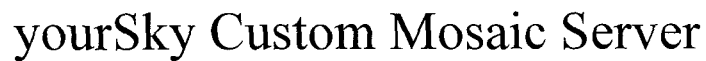
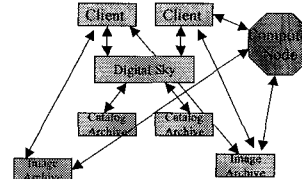
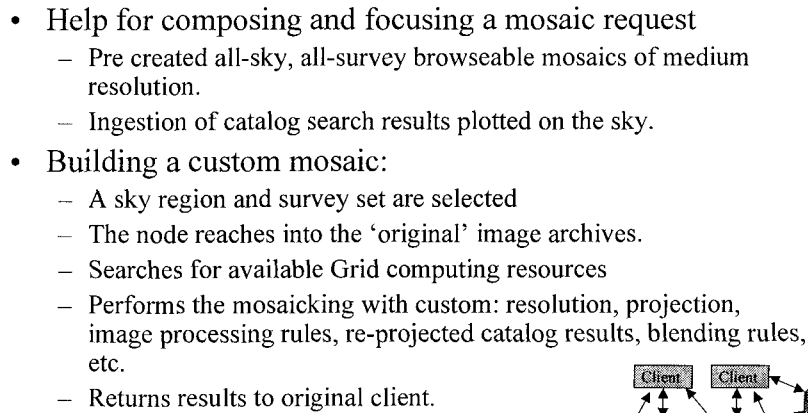


IPG and NVO a Natural Match

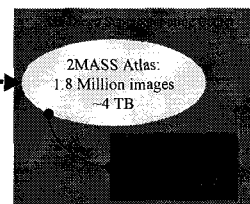
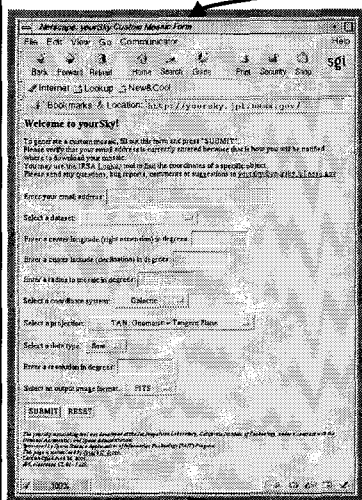


- Provide NVO astronomers access to the large astronomy datasets and high power processing of the data.
- Provide the middleware glue for a nationally distributed collection of image, object archives, computational power and high speed interlinks
- Help motivate & drive the IPG data intensive capability





<http://yoursky.jpl.nasa.gov>



yourSky can now access all of the publicly released DPOSS and 2MASS images for custom mosaic construction.

